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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 5-6 CIVIL DISORDERS: VELASCO TO ADDRESS NATION

REF: LIMA 1248

1. FEBRUARY 14 PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO WILL ADDRESS THE NATION ON EVENING FEBRUARY 17 TO DISCUSS FEBRUARY 5 DISTURBANCES. THIS INFORMATION WAS REVEALED TO PRESS BY HOUSING MINISTER, ADMIRAL GALVEZ, WHO ALSO SAID THAT APRA WAS INVOLVED IN THE DISORDERS AND DISMISSED APRA LEADER HAYA DE LA TORRE'S REPORTED DECLARATIONS THAT ARMED FORCES UNITY HAS CRACKS.

2. FEBRUARY 14 PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT JUAN ENCISO TORRES HAS TAKEN ASYLUM IN ARGENTINE EMBASSY. PRESS DESCRIBES ENCISO AS A 25-YEAR OLD APRA LAWYER AND "FANATIC" WHO WAS ONE OF RINGLEADERS OF DISORDERS. ENCISO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN LIMA BAR ASSOCIATION POLITICS, HAVING HELPED ANTI-GOP APRISTA LAWYER CARLOS ENRIQUE FERREYROS WIN BAR PRESIDENCY.

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3. EXPRESO REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO MET ON FEBRUARY 13 WITH NEW GUARDIA CIVIL DIRECTOR, GENERAL GASTON ZAPATA DE LA FLOR. VELASCO REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO HELP RESOLVE GC PROBLEMS. NEWSPAPER ADDS THAT "TRANSFER" (PRESUMABLY TO THE PROVINCES) OF 505 DETAINED POLICEMEN IS BEING PROCESSED. EXPRESO'S INFORMATION CONTRADICTS EARLIER PRESS REPORT (LIMA 1248) THAT MOST OF DETAINED POLICEMEN WERE FREED PROVISIONALLY. IN ANY CASE, SOLUTION TO GUARDIA CIVIL PROBLEMS IS STILL PENDING.

4. LIMA 959 REPORTED THAT LIMA GC STRIKE FOLLOWED A GC STRIKE IN AREQUIPA. THIS WAS MISTAKEN. IN AREQUIPA, MUNICIPAL GARBAGEMEN (KNOWN AS THE BAJA POLICIA) HAD BEEN ON STRIKE IN JANUARY. AS FAR AS EMBASSY KNOWS, PROVINCES WERE QUIET THROUGH FEBRUARY 5-6 PERIOD.

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